

## LATEST NEWS FROM FOREIGN CAPITALS FOR HERALD READERS

## BALLOONIST PLANS TRIP FROM ENGLAND TO AFRICA

British Aviator Will Build Mammoth Airship to Be Used in Attempt to Shatter World's Record for Distance Flight.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.  
London, Sept. 23.—With the idea of breaking the world's record of 1,100 miles without a descent, a well-known London aeronaut is contemplating a balloon expedition from London to Africa.

The balloon will be one of the largest ever fitted out, the capacity being over 100,000 cubic feet, with a diameter of about sixty feet.

Experts state that the journey can be accomplished under favorable weather conditions, in forty-eight hours. The idea is to take a line across France, and the African coast would be reached in 1,100 miles. Owing to the cool temperature being favorable for ballooning, November has been chosen as the month of departure.

The present record for an overseas journey was established in 1907, when an aeronaut traveled 730 miles without mishap. In November, 1908, A. F. Gaudron left the Crystal Palace with two passengers and descended in Russia at Msteki Derevni, Novo Alexandrovsk, a distance of 1,111 miles. On that occasion the "baggage" consisted of water, stimulants, tinned meats, bread, and biscuits, the total weight being 150 pounds.

A member of the projected expedition to Africa informed a press representative that he considered ballooning was attended with as little risk as automobiling in Hyde Park. He expected to cover the greater part of the journey through air at an altitude of about 5,000 feet.

## SERVIAN PRINCESS MARRIED IN RUSSIA

Daughter of King Peter Is Bride of Duke.

## ROYALTY SEES THE CEREMONY

Impressive Ecclesiastical and Imperial Rites Attend Union of Princess Vlena and Grand Duke Ivan at Peterhof, in St. Petersburg—Important Politically.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.  
St. Petersburg, Sept. 23.—The marriage of the Serbian Princess Vlena, daughter of King Peter of Serbia, to his highness Duke Ivan Constantinovich, of the imperial blood, was solemnized recently at Peterhof with all the imperial and ecclesiastical pomp and splendor customary on those occasions.

The bridegroom in the case is not an imperial grand duke, as he is descended in the third generation from the first Emperor Nicholas, and, therefore, according to the statutes of the reigning family, as assumed by the late Emperor Alexander III, he loses the title of imperial highness.

Salutes Are Fired.  
The arrival of the day appointed for the happy event was proclaimed by the firing of a salute of four guns from the fortress of St. Peter and St. Paul, and a similar salute from the military harbor at Peterhof. Another artillery salute of twenty-one guns soon after 2 p. m. announced that Emperor Nicholas had started to walk in the bridal procession to the imperial chapel through the great hall of the old palace, which was crowded with courtiers.

Preceded by all the officials of his household, solemnly pacing in two's, the czar and his staff were followed in due order and preceded by the Queen of Greece, the King of Serbia, Prince Alexander of Serbia, Prince Chakraband of Siam, Prince Nicholas of Greece, with the Grand Duchess Helena Pavlovna, Prince Peter of Montenegro, and Prince Arthur of Connaught. Twenty-three grand dukes and grand duchesses, including the bridal pair, completed the procession.

Crowds View Escort.  
The religious ceremony in the chapel was also announced by an artillery salute of thirty-one guns, and then all present offered their congratulations to the Emperor and Empress and the newly married couple. The park and grounds of Peterhof, with their beautiful fountains, were crowded with the public to gaze at the outside processions and escorts.

The King of Serbia and his heir-apparent, Prince Alexander, have both received the highest Russian imperial orders and been appointed to Russian regiments. Russian decorations have been lavished upon all the members of King Peter's suite.

All the comments on the occasion revolved themselves into the belief that the marriage alliance with the imperial Romanoffs will be a tower of strength to the Karageorgevitch dynasty of Serbia and an important factor in Balkan politics.

## WOMAN CALLS OFF THREATENED DUEL

"Makes Up" with Antagonist at Police Station.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

Paris, Sept. 23.—"All's well that ends well," and the threatened duel between the militant feminist champion of Toulouse, Mile. Arria Ly, and her male antagonist, M. Massat, will not come off, because the two antagonists have been reconciled at a police station.

The reconciliation, however, was not affected without a hair-pulling preamble. M. Massat organized a meeting at which he was to speak and give his views on feminism. Mile. Arria Ly broke into the meeting, and while a lady was speaking, she got on the platform and slapped M. Massat.

There was, of course, the usual excitement and the threatened duel between the two was postponed to the police station, where, after M. Massat had explained that he was making no personal attacks on Mile. Arria Ly, but only on her theories, Mile. Ly was soothed and shook hands with him.

## OFFICERS DIE OF CHOLERA.

Thirty-seven Claimed by Plague in Constantinople.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.  
Constantinople, Sept. 23.—The mortality from cholera among the soldiers in Constantinople is appalling. During the last two days there have been 50 deaths. Of forty-five officers who have returned from Albania, thirty-seven have died from this fell disease.

While in quarantine the soldiers received no food or drink for two days. The famished men broke through the cordon and pillaged the grocers' and bakers' shops in the neighborhood. The war minister has ordered full inquiry and strict punishment will be meted out to the offenders.

## DOCTOR GOES MAD WHILE OPERATING

Attempts to Kill Patient Under Anesthetic.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

Paris, Sept. 23.—A strange story of a surgeon going mad while performing an operation is reported in St. Petersburg. The scene was Chita, in Siberia, and the doctor's patient was a workman whose condition admitted of no delay. He was chloroformed, and two assistants had placed everything ready for use by the doctor when the latter, much to their surprise, began to make irrelevant remarks. He took up his bistoury, however, and made the required incision with his usual skill and precision, his assistants being thereby reassured.

Suddenly he burst into a laugh, saying that all their trouble was useless, adding: "It would be better if we finished him off with a stroke of the knife." In a flash the assistants realized that their chief had gone mad, and one of them placed himself between the doctor and the patient, while the other threw himself upon the lunatic and endeavored to wrest the knife from his grasp.

With maniacal rage the doctor struggled with his assistants, while the nurses fled in terror. Another assistant, however, with ready resource continued the operation already begun, and when the madman had been overpowered successfully completed it. The doctor has been placed in an asylum.

## CHURCHILL BUILDS FORTS.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

London, Sept. 23.—Released from the ranks of the home office, Winston Churchill has been thoroughly enjoying a seaside visit at Broadstairs, Kent.

With Mrs. Churchill, his two children, and Lord Lytton, the home secretary has daily passed many hours on the sands at Joss Gap, near Broadstairs.

With the aid of a child's spade, Mr. Churchill, exercising his military knowledge, found considerable amusement in building stout fortifications, and sand castles for the edification of his children.

## IMPRESARIO IN STONE.

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Paris, Sept. 23.—M. Georges Cain has added a "chat noir" to the Carnavalet Museum. This is not the animal that hangs above the entrance of the "cabinet" of that name—the house of entertainment which Maurice Donnay, now an Académicien, made his debut as poet and song writer. The black cat that has been raised to the honor of the museum was merely the sign that has hung for two centuries above the door of a confectioner who, in the eighteenth century, was Queen Marie Antoinette's chocolate maker and peppermint confectioner. The same house was patronized later by the Empress Josephine, and in one of its first-floor rooms the playwright Eugene Scribe was born in 1791.

The house stood, and still stands, at the corner of the Rue St. Denis and the Rue de la Reynie, a short alley not far from the church of St. Merri, and also near the Fountain of the Innocents. This ancient edifice, however, is about to be pulled down to make room for a wider thoroughfare and modern buildings, and M. Cain hastened to claim the relic of old Paris that would otherwise have perished.

## MONARCH "TIPS" WAITER TO EXTENT OF ONE CENT

Gratuity Offered Cafe Employee by King Peter of Serbia Cause Astonishment and Mirth Throughout Capital of Austria.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

Vienna, Sept. 23.—A monarch's gift to a waiter of a half-penny has created much amusement in Budapest, where tips are given to omnibus conductors.

Waiters at the Budapest station buffet, accustomed to small gratuities from hurrying travelers, were discussing politics and reading newspapers Friday when the stationmaster came up with important news. A royal train conveying King Peter of Serbia and many members of his household to St. Petersburg would make a halt at Budapest.

The prospect of seeing royal personages and the possibility of serving them with refreshments brightened up the whole staff. With the arrival of the royal train, the head waiter decided to serve the royal party himself, purely on the ground of seniority.

It was a hot day, and after the usual presentations to foreign consuls, King Peter said he would like a glass of beer. The beer was brought, and after King Peter had drunk it he turned to the court marshal and whispered to him. The court marshal advanced, and after ascertaining the cost of beer in Budapest handed a coin to the waiter.

A member of the staff of a local paper began to interview the head waiter by congratulating him when his remarks were cut short. The waiter opened his palm and displayed a 4-holles piece, the smallest copper coin in Austria-Hungary and the equivalent of an American cent.

## CHILDREN OF CROWN PRINCE OF GERMANY.



The three sons of the German crown prince and princess snapped after personal experiments in hairdressing in the nursery. On the left is Prince Hubertus, in the middle is Prince Louis Ferdinand, and on the right is Prince William. Prince William is five years old; Prince Louis Ferdinand, four, and Prince Hubertus, two.

## CASTLE HIS GIFT ON WEDDING DAY

Emperor Franz Josef Gives Nephew Palace.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

Paris, Sept. 23.—An wedding gift for Princess Zita of Parma, who is to marry Archduke Charles Francis Joseph, his grandnephew, Emperor Francis Joseph has bought the ancient castle at Brandeis.

The huge pile with its extensive grounds is a picturesque ruin, once the headquarters of the Bohemian Brethren, and stands in a conspicuous position in the ancient, historic Bohemian town of Prague, on the banks of the River Elbe. The castle will be restored, architecturally modernized in the interior, and handsomely furnished. It is to be the country residence of the young couple.

Princess Zita was a member of a small family party which gathered recently at Schonbrunn Castle, the Emperor's residence on the outskirts of Vienna, to celebrate Archduke Charles' twenty-fourth birthday. The Princess's gift to her fiancé was a gold cigarette case, suitably inscribed.

Princess Zita is to go with her mother, the widowed Duchess of Parma, to Paris to buy her trousseau. Just as Germany's crown princess did five years ago, to the chagrin of the German people.

The resemblance in character between the future German Emperor and Empress and the future Emperor and Empress of Austria is striking. All four have strongly cosmopolitan tastes, are ardent lovers of sport, and prefer the English and French fashions and modes of life to those of the solemn Teuton.

## ROYAL "CANDY KID" IS IMMORTALIZED

Sign of His Shop Gets Place in Museum.

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## KAISER WATCHES TEST.

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Berlin, Sept. 23.—The German Emperor is evincing a keen interest in the development of a new explosive, preliminary tests of which have been of a highly satisfactory character. The Kaiser's interest is due to the fact that the greater portion of the ingredients are similar to those of an explosive which his majesty himself invented some fifteen years ago called "Reitite," which proved too readily combustible for ordinary military or naval purposes. A series of experiments with the new explosive will be made at Krupp's works, at Essen, next week.

The other day they were escorted by several inhabitants through the streets of Aachen in order to find shelter, and whenever the caretaker of a house refused to let them in, the Kaiser and his family were obliged to go back to the town hall for the night.

A collection made during their march amounted to nearly \$15, and the Kaiser immediately sent half of this sum to Thouvénin, the breadwinner of a family who some time ago was expelled from his house at Puteaux, and who has not yet succeeded in finding a proprietor willing to let a house to him.

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## QUITS BUSINESS LIFE.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

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The 200 motorists sent a petition to the cantonal government of Grisons, where automobiles are prohibited, stating their predicament, and asking for an exception to be made in their favor, and permission granted to cross the Funster Valley and the Grossglockner (7,500 feet) and continue on the journey northward through the canton.

The Swiss authorities replied that they were willing to grant permission on condition that each motorist should be drawn by horses, and that the motorists would not travel by night as long as they were in the canton.

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## AUTOISTS HELD UP BY STRANGE LAWS

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## BERLIN FOLKS JUST DYING TO RIDE IN MOTOR HEARSE

Municipality Buys Three Automobile Funeral Cars to Be Used in Burying Those Who Desire a Real Hasty Exit from This World.

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Berlin, Sept. 23.—The enterprising authorities of the city of Berlin, ever ready to adopt improvements, have now, by the introduction of a municipal motor car hearse, shown their willingness to meet the wishes of those persons who desire a rapid exit from the world.

Hitherto, those impatient citizens for whom life did not pass rapidly enough in the ordinary way, and who ended it abruptly by their own hands, have been conveyed to the mortuary in a slow-moving horse-drawn hearse, whose appearance is known to every citizen in Berlin, and which has for generations been called the "blue hearse."

As there is only one of these vehicles and self-inflicted deaths are numerous, totaling nearly a thousand annually in Berlin, it has happened that bodies have had to wait an inordinate time for conveyance to the mortuary.

With the motor-car hearse this difficulty will be overcome, for it has accommodation for several occupants, and can travel at a fast rate. It is mounted on three pneumatic-tired wheels like a delivery tricycle. It is painted blue like its predecessor, and is adorned with the Prussian eagle.

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Paris, Sept. 23.—By far the most finished racing establishment in France has been leased by Joseph Weidner, of Philadelphia. The lease includes the magnificent property of Prince Murat at Chantilly, Chantilly to the late Duke D'Aumale, Chantilly to the Newmarket of France, and the jockey club prize decided there on the fourth Sunday of May is known as the French Derby.

This lease puts Weidner among the first men of France. His stables are finer than those of W. K. Vanderbilt, whether at Poley or Daville. Many of the best race horses have been leased at Chantilly. Mr. Weidner's lease includes an option on the purchase from Prince Murat of the high-priced yearlings which he bought at Trouville, which are now training at Chantilly, and which form a splendid nucleus for what their owner is endeavoring to do—make the best stable of race horses in the world. They are being trained by Thomas Walsh.

The competition among the Americans in the French racing field is also heightened by the fact that August Belmont has secured the services of Samuel Hildreth as trainer. Hildreth is a well-known American